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VETERANS MEMORIAL SET FOR NEW ADDITION Centerville seeking sponsorships for enhancement project

A new enhancement project, designed to complement the existing Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, has recently begun. The Centerville Washington Veterans Memorial, dedicated in 2004, honors men and women killed in action as well as those who have or are presently serving in the United States Armed Forces. The new enhancement features five bronze medallions depicting various scenes of sacrifice and service during times of war and peace to be installed along the brick plaza and reflecting pond at the Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 West Spring Valley Road. Each medallion pays tribute to a branch of the US Armed Forces: Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines.

Internationally recognized sculptor Virginia Krause Hess designed and created the bas relief pieces. The Centerville resident has had many of her works exhibited throughout the U.S. and Europe. Her sculpture of Charles E. Taylor, designer of the Wright Brothers' engine, is on display at the Smithsonian Institute. Mrs. Hess has generously donated her time, talents and materials to create the medallions and also graciously provided funding for the pieces to be bronzed. Additional funding is needed for the mounting and installation, as the design calls for each bronze piece to be in-laid in a granite marker.

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The cost of this project is \$35,000. The City of Centerville and Washington Township have each pledged \$10,000 to support the installation. A community fundraising effort to support the remaining \$15,000 is now underway. Any additional funds will be used to further enhance the existing memorial.

Major sponsorships with various levels of contribution have been established, beginning at \$1000, however all contributions will help further the project. Individuals and organizations contributing at the sponsorship levels will be recognized with their names engraved on a permanent marker near the memorial plaza.

A separate fund has been created with the Dayton Foundation to receive contributions for this project. Tax deductible contributions may be made with checks payable to the Dayton Foundation, 500 Kettering Tower, Dayton, Ohio 45423. Contributions should reference the Centerville Washington Veterans Memorial.

Also under construction is the memorial brick walkway. Bricks engraved in honor of veterans, or friends of veterans, may be purchased. Two sizes are available.

The current Memorial features a granite monument on a limestone platform, and ceremonial brick plaza and walkway near a pond. The walkway includes brick pavers inscribed with names of US veterans of all wars and of those who served in our Armed Forces.

The new addition will be dedicated during the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2013. For more information visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

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